

lose some of its nutritious properties, but of this we have some doubt.

Mr. Murray is very particular in selecting his seed corn, which he does in the field, from stalks bearing two or three ears; he has pursued this course year after year, and this may account in part for the extra number of ears to the stalk, so general throughout the field.

He had about three acres of potatoes planted upon green-sward ploughed this spring, the manure spread, and none put in the hill; with potatoes, he thinks it best to hill up a little. His potatoes looked finely.

He spoke of the benefit of subsoil ploughing; where this operation had been performed, the crops of grain the present season were very heavy, while on lots adjoining, with the same management, except subsoil ploughing, the crops were light.

While the farm has been under the care of the present superintendent, a number of acres of poor, unproductive swamp or meadow land have been brought into a state of great productivity by draining. We noticed the luxuriance of the grass which grew over and near the covered drains, and giving some idea of the beneficial effect of thorough draining.

Many other things worthy of notice came under our observation, which we have not room to record at the present time.

MASSACHUSETTS PLOUGHMAN.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 21, 1844.

William Buckminster, Editor.

Mechanic Exhibition at Faneuil and Quincy Halls.

On Monday commenced the great Exhibition of American Workmanship. Through the week will be seen at these Halls the ingenuity of our native workmen applied to a vast variety of objects which, but a few years ago, could not be made in America.

In the use of the revolution every one knows how our soldiers suffered from want of clothing. In the last war we were no better provided. We took up arms, but we had not half enough to fit for use. We raised an army, but we could not find clothing enough for it through a single year. We actually depended on our enemy for blankets, for coats, for shirts, for arms and for ammunition!

On entering Faneuil Hall we find a great variety of cloth that would serve to warm an army, or to grace the forms of the wealthiest citizen. Here were workmen of the finest of all trades and manufactures. Plain cottons of all prices, cheap as you please. Calicoes as rich as Queen Victoria's wears. Moulins de laine of beautiful fabric. These articles are new in our homes. It is made at Andover.

Here are shirtings and sheetings and carpeting; hose, hats and bonnets; shawls, gloves and shoes, and seen braiding straw for bonnets. A blind lady is seen braiding straw for bonnets. Here are tickings from Medford, N. H. Prints from the works at Fall River; Cottons from the Bartlett Steam Mills, Newburyport; Woollens from the Ballard Vale Company; Woollens from the Amoskeag Company—the Hamilton Woollen Company, Southbury. Fancy cassimeres made by M. & A. Harrisville, N. H. Woollen goods by Gilbert & Stearns, Ware. Fine flannels by Stevens & Hodge, Andover, also from the Middlesex Mills, Lowell, and from F. Skinner & Co., all from American wool.

Here are specimens of book binding, ready made clothing. A case of nine shirts, bosoms, collars, &c., by Charles P. Hatheway of Plymouth. A large glass case containing seven months, by D. Thayer, Franklin. We find hats in great variety. Brushes, shoes, paper hangings, patterns for brass bric-a-brac, Prouty & Mead's farm tools, various kinds of ploughs that can be used as a pin. On the opposite side of the walk are the farm tools of our neighbors, Ruggles, Nourse & Mason. Here are ploughs of various sizes and forms to suit purchasers. This company has ventured to lengthen the cast iron mould plate so much as to overcome the difficulty formerly experienced in all cast iron ploughs; we find the longest ones throwing the furrow as flat as the old wooden mould boards formerly did, and with one half the team.

This company has a variety of winnowing mills, straw cutters, forks, particularly those of Partridge's make, for whom they are the sole agents in this city. Of cythe snaths, they have a very perfect kind, the snaths are screwed on and can be readily altered in the mowing field, without a set of smith's tools to operate with. Here are hoes, spades, iron rakes and other garden tools that accommodate all farmers, and the materials of which they are made are excellent. The English ploughs that we have seen are not to be compared with these. They are clumsy, unwieldy, heavy. Here is a subsoil plough that might suit the English tolerably well; it is the only awkward tool in the whole lot. It is twice as long as it need be, and it will not be likely to take our farmers. To stir up the earth, not turning it over, we have no need of a long instrument; the length of the shortest plough is sufficient. Ruggles, Nourse & Co. have copied the English in this, but we think they can do better.

Passing down the Hall we find fine engines of good workmanship, boats, ships, cordage; likewise taken by Daguerrotype, glass ware, clocks and watches, books, cards, sets of teeth, silver ware, porcelain. Then we find planing machines, table machines, circular saws, staves of all kinds exhibited by Mr. Gardner Chilson from his store 51 and 53 Blackstone street. Mr. C. also exhibited Epp's smoke blower, a cup for smoky chimneys. The principle seems to be a good one, but we have not yet heard from those who have proved it.

Organs of all sizes, music in abundance rattled through one part of the Hall. Leather splitting machines that make three monstrous calf skins out of one bull's hide. Carriages, washing machines, forcing pumps, sleighs, door locks and latches. Then comes the tall organ 20 feet high and pipes as big as a mop. And here too, is a grand telescope made in Springfield—we shall look at this once more.

Farther on are lots of leather, shoes, hats, saddles, bridles, fur, muffs, tippets, fur shawls, umbrellas, and all manner of nice things that we cannot notice this week so particularly as we could wish.

Mr. Moses Abbott, of Andover, has sent us some admirable fruit—"The Jaque Peach." These are large, very, and are rich enough for an epicure.

Cassius M. Clay, who has emancipated his slaves and is preaching against slavery, has arrived in this city to attend the great Whig convention.

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THE WHIG MASS MEETING.

On Thursday there was an immense gathering, in Boston, of Whigs from all parts of the Union. A procession formed of about 1200 horsemen, and ten to twelve thousand on foot, marched through our principal streets, and extended upwards of four miles in length.

Flags and banners decorated all the streets through which the procession passed. Lines were drawn across our 100 foot South Market Street, and handsome flags were hung up. Little narrow Elm street was full of banners—some roughish painter undertook to let the public know on one of them, how many whigs and how many democrats there were, who did business in that street.

The cavalcade first passed our office, then came carriages containing Messrs. Webster, C. M. Clay, Bond of Ohio, Berrien of Georgia, Huntington of Conn., Miller of N. Jersey, Morse of Maine, Fowler of N. York, and other gentlemen of distinction.

As the procession passed we counted banners from 18 states, with various devices and inscriptions. One vehicle carried a live lion, and there was a dead lion in the procession, but it was stuffed full and looked nearly as well as the other.

Two shoe shops, with workmen in them, made considerable sport as they passed along. The best looking one, of course, had the flag banner up, and four men inside were hammering away to the tune of two dollars a day and roast beef. In the other shop three out of four were sitting idle or smoking pipes. They had up the banner of Polk and Dallas, and were grumbling about low wages.

All passed off very pleasantly and the democratic party enjoyed the joke so well that they too got up a great meeting in the evening, in State Street; they raised their flags, and the Times office was very fully illuminated on the joyous occasion. The publisher of the Times has now a joyous office in the Custom house and why should he not expend a little for illumination?

No accident happened, though our streets were very much thronged through the day.

THE HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

The rooms were crowded with visitors yesterday, and we understand that the display of fine fruits is considered superior to that of any preceding year. The fruits and vegetables appeared to us excellent, and the evidence of Horticultural skill and taste must be very gratifying to all who have taken part in their production.

We can notice but few of the varieties singly. Col. M. P. Wilder, the President of the Society, exhibited 102 varieties of Peas. There were 150 varieties of Peas from the Pomological Gardens at Salem, and the fine basket of fruit from the Garden of J. P. Cushing, Esq., was quite attractive.

Of the vegetables, there was a huge squash, from Mr. Marland, of Andover, weighing 133 lbs., another from Messrs. Hovey & Co., weighing 97 lbs., and a third by Mr. Richards, weighing 115 lbs. The largest cabbage that we ever tried to go around, was from Messrs. Weld & Mackintosh, of Roxbury. Some of the longest and handsomest potatoes that we have ever seen, were those exhibited by Mr. Lovett, of Beverly.

There were fine Plums by Mr. Pond and large fine Peaches by Mr. John Hill of West Cambridge called "Lemon Rarities" and "Pines of Salmon color" and "Yellow."

We also noticed large Red Apples by Mr. John Owen of Cambridge who also exhibited some handsome Porter Apples. Russet Sweetings by Col. Bigelow of Medford and very large Bartlett Peas by Samuel Phillips of Dorchester who also had the "Dutch Codling Apple." Messrs. S. & G. Hyde had in their collection the "Grauestein Apple" and the "Yellow Apple."

The "Chinese Peas" and the "Mandrakes" were new and curious; the "Eagles" done in flowers and the Boquets and garlands by the Floriculturists adorned the room to the admiration of the fair visitors who crowded to see their beauties and smell their fragrance.

CHAIRMAN OF ANTIQUITY. Deacon Abraham Copen, of Stoughton, has now in his city a couple of high back chairs, made in England and brought over in the May Flower in 1629. One of these chairs formerly belonged to Elias Bradford, founder of the town of Andover, and was once its property. These chairs are now at the store of D. Weld & Co., 25 South Market street. They cannot be admitted in the Hall as they are not of American manufacture.

THE WEATHER. In this vicinity we find it uncommonly dry. Our pastures are very much dry, and a very large proportion of our wells are dry. A gentleman from Chesterfield, N. H., told us yesterday there was no water in rain in that part of the country. He says the potatoes are suffering, however, from another cause, the rot, that is doing very extensive mischief in other parts of New England. It has been uncommonly warm here for many days past.

FIRE. On Friday last week, the dwelling house occupied by Lorenzo Jordan of Attleboro was wholly consumed. Most of the furniture was saved.

WM. JIBON in the same town committed suicide on Thursday of last week.

MR. NOYES PEARSON, of Byfield, has sent us some rich seedling raspberries. They are above the middling size, very juicy and well flavored. We shall call them "the Pearson Seedling."

Mr. Wm. Bullard, of Dedham, Lower Plains, has sent us some nice little white apple, very well tasted. Also a large striped apple. This is the Sudbury Sweeting.

Mr. Obed Hartshorn, of Dover, has presented us with some small potatoes that are called the pine apple. He says they are good to eat.

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LIFE INSURANCE.

We copy the following article from the New York Evening Post, at the request of a friend. He thinks the Society here spoken of offers advantages which are not to be realized in this city.

"One would be apt to think that in this country the insurance of lives would be the most common of all transactions. The enterprising character of our people brings them into contact with many dangers, and these dangers are so all provided against; so many of us are blown up and scalded to death by the explosion of steam engines; so many wrecked on our great rivers, our immense sea coast, our vast lakes; so many perish in passing from one climate to our broad empires; to another; to say nothing of the other perils to which our national restlessness exposes us; that it should seem the most natural thing in the world for every engaged in undertakings, the fortunate issue of which depends upon the continuance of life, to appropriate a small sum for the purpose of securing to their families a certain provision in case they should themselves perish in the midst of their enterprises. Yet, it is the insurance of lives has been comparatively unimportant. 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for trial, and giving the names of those who held the ploughs they say:—"As an exact depends on the skill of the person who uses the plough, the committee were at a loss to know what proportion of the merits of the work was to be attributed to the plough and what to the man. As the ploughs were not used by the same men, and as there appeared to some extent an effort to make the ploughs perform the natural powers of the plough, the committee resolved to appoint each of them to produce two ploughs, one of the smaller size, and the other to be tried on the same quantity of the soil; the smaller size to turn a furrow 12 inches wide and 7 inches deep; the larger size to turn a furrow 14 inches wide and 8 inches deep. The trials of the merits of these ploughs took place on the 24th of October. The ploughs were held by members of the committee." The results of the trials were as follows:—

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Howard, Hingham,	412 lbs.
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dore Oct. 3, 1842, where there were forty-four
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